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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 11197, ACTION SECSTATE INFO DAR ESSALAAM  
GABORONE LUSAKA LONDON MAPUTO PRETORIA 08 SEPT:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 11197

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH

SUBJECT: USG CONCERN OVER MOUNTING VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA

REF: STATE 227288

1. IN ABSENCE OF MEA COMMISSIONER ADEFOPE AND AFRICA DEPARTMENT  
DIRECTOR OSOBASE, WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING OBASANJO ON HIS VISITS  
TO GUINEA, TOGO AND BENIN, POLCOUNS MADE REPRESENTATION ALONG  
LINES REFTEL TO AFRICA DEPARTMENT ACTING DIRECTOR VICTOR TAYLOR.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATION, TAYLOR ASKED WHAT PROOF  
EXISTED THAT NKOMO'S FORCES HAD KILLED THE TEN SURVIVORS.

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HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS MORE LIKELY THE WORK OF SMITH'S  
FORCES. HE THEN INVEIGHED AT LENGTH ON THE FAMILIAR THEME THAT  
WESTERN COUNTRIES REACT ONLY WHEN WHITES ARE MURDERED.

3. WHEN POLCOUNS STRESSED THAT WE DEPLORE SUCH SENSELESS KILLINGS  
REGARDLESS OF WHICH SIDE INITIATES THEM, TAYLOR RETORTED THAT THE  
PLANE WAS FLYING OVER A WAR ZONE AND UNTIL THERE IS A CEASE

FIRE, THE PF HAS EVERY RIGHT TO CONTINUE ITS MILITARY STRUGGLE.  
IN ANSWER TO THE POINT THAT THESE VIOLENT ACTIONS MAKE FAR MORE  
DIFFICULT THE TASK OF SEEKING THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO WHICH  
BOTH NIGERIA AND THE U.S. ARE COMMITTED, TAYLOR ARGUED THAT  
INCREASED SHOW OF STRENGTH BY THE PF WILL HASTEN SMITH TO THE  
NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. COMMENT: TAYLOR'S COMMENTS WERE MADE FORCEFULLY AND DID NOT  
APPEAR TO BE MERELY HIS PERSONAL REACTION. ALTHOUGH TAKING ISSUE  
WITH EVERY POINT MADE, HE PROMISED TO TRANSMIT OUR CONCERNS TO  
HIS SUPERIORS. LEWIS UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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